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MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

Porter Gregory lost a fine milk cow last Thursday, valued at \$50, killed by the cars.

Homer Marshall of this city is attending a watch making and engraving school in St. Louis.

John Devault of New Florence is "figuring on" establishing a newspaper at Martinsburg.

Lance Whitford, formerly of Mexico, now of Manhattan, Kan., arrived here on a visit last week.

A little six weeks old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Youngblood, near Martinsburg, died last week.

Miss Zeb Vandeventer of Laddonia has accepted a position with Mellhoney & Tatum of Vandalia.

Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer of Mexico has been assisting in a revival meeting at Saling, this county.

Miss Ella Criswell has been elected teacher in the Farber schools, Miss Dollie Grigsby resigned.

Frank Donnelly has been promoted from clerk in the C. & A. freight depot here to night yardmaster at Francis.

The Farber Forum says that a certain citizen of that town is afflicted with the "shingles." Bro. Davault, that's a new one.

Mrs. H. T. Brooks and husband of this city will move to St. Louis. Mr. Brooks is helpless and will enter a private hospital there.

Rev. C. C. Seleeman, formerly pastor of the Mexico Methodist church, is conducting a big revival meeting under a tent at Sturgeon.

F. N. Laugharn, of Pierre, S. D., who bought the Reed farm, east of Mexico, is arranging to move his family here soon.

Miss Ida Gallaway of Laddonia, a prominent teacher of the county, will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Morgan, at Salt Lake City.

C. E. Harrison is putting down granitoid walk in Hardin Park. Has the contract to put down about 6,000 feet in the Park. It's a nice improvement.

E. J. Daniels, of Independence, Mo., brakeman on the C. & A., suffered a broken leg at Francis last Wednesday night in trying to board an engine, his foot slipping.

Jacob Baer, in his 76th year, died at his home, north of Bush Hill, last week. He was born in Germany. Deceased leaves two children, George and Lewis Baer. The burial was at Laddonia.

Fred Detienne has resigned as cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Vandalia. He is an excellent gentleman and useful business man and Vandalia would count himself unfortunate to lose him. Judge Guy McCune, also a mighty good fellow, is his worthy successor.

J. C. DeLaporte of Laddonia, at the Audrain County Christian Missionary Co-operation meeting held at Friendship church, north of Centralia last week, discussed the subject, "How to Get the Pupils to Study at Home and Give an Offering Each Sunday." Mrs. W. F. Traugbber of Mexico read a paper on "Primary Teaching."

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.
Sam Ladd, Cashier

W. L. KENT

Has a Word to the Fruit Growers of Audrain County.

A meeting was held at Mexico in May to organize the fruit growers and bee keepers of our county. Officers were chosen, committee was appointed to draft a constitution and the organization was named The Audrain Co. Horticultural Association.

The object of this organization is the discussion and promotion of these pursuits for the mutual benefit of its members.

Missouri has a world-wide reputation as a fruit producing State, and while Audrain soils are not as well adapted as those of the river bluffs and Ozark regions, yet if orchards are properly cultivated, properly managed, the right thing done at the right time and the wrong thing left undone, I do not doubt that they will repay us well for all the time and labor spent on them. I believe that failure comes as often from lack of knowledge of caring for orchards, as from unavoidable causes. Knowledge of the business is necessary to its success. In other words, labor must be intelligently applied or failure is the result.

How many fruit growers feel themselves so thoroly prepared for their work that there is nothing more for them to learn? Then if knowledge is necessary to success, how are we to acquire it? Are there schools where it can be had? Yes; the State University at Columbia furnishes free a four years course in Horticulture. This is all right for the young man but many of us can not avail ourselves of this privilege.

What then CAN we do? We can go to work and build up and keep up this organization; we can meet together and relate our experiences; our failures as our successes, discuss our different methods of cultivating and caring for our plants and trees. We can warn our co-workers against doing things that have proven a failure and encourage them in doing that which has proven beneficial.

If at any time our orchards should be visited by injurious insects or diseases about which we know nothing, we could have our secretary notify the authorities at Columbia and request that an expert be sent to take the matter in hand, which would be done free of cost to us. These specialists are kept, their salaries and traveling expenses paid by the government for the benefit and education of the fruit growers (for you and for me) if we place ourselves in a position to profit by it.

This we can do, I understand, as an organization but can not do as individuals. We can see the right in this.

It is as easy for one of these public educators to give instruction to all the fruit growers in a county if assembled in one body as to an individual.

Fifty-four counties in the state have such societies and are getting the benefit of these educators' services when needed. Why should not Audrain?

We have only to keep up our organization and make the request when needed.

Our apple orchards have grown to such proportions that if we ever have a full crop our home markets could not handle it at a profit to the producer.

What then?

We must find a market for them. How can this best be done? By keeping a live, wide-awake organization, and when the crop comes, let each member furnish an estimated amount of his surplus, describing variety and quality, ac-

curately, or if best have a committee visit all the orchards and make these estimates. With an estimate of the whole amount of apples in the county for sale before us we would be prepared to communicate with the large dealers who handle vast quantities in a season and induce them to send buyers.

Eastern buyers often come into the west and buy apples while on the trees and do their own packing, when they can buy in such quantities as will justify; they can do much better than the producers and we are relieved of this.

I have named a few reasons why our county should have such an organization.

The next regular meeting will be held at Clark's Abstract Office in Mexico, at 5 o'clock, Oct. 7, 1907. Every fruit grower in the county is cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

Any citizen of the county who feels an interest in these pursuits and believes such an organization would be beneficial, though not actually engaged in them, is invited to come and help make it a success.

The editor of the MESSAGE has kindly offered us the use of its columns for the discussions of these questions, for which we heartily thank him.

Let us hear from others.

Will some one answer this question? Can I raise hogs in an orchard 7 years without injury to the trees; if not, what crops can be most profitably grown?

W. L. KENT.

The Social Event.

The following appeared recently in the Laddonia Herald. It is from the pen of Mrs. J. H. Cornell and is so well to the point that we cannot resist reproducing it here:

We heard a lady say the other day that she wouldn't mind inviting her friends to eat dinner or supper with her, to have a good square meal and spend an hour in good social chat, but that the "society event" was getting monotonous. She said: They are always grand and dainty, where "lovely" ethereal edibles are served after you have been marched thru several rooms—in fact, all they have.

It reminds me of joining a mysterious lodge. As you are met at the door by an "outside sentinel," then you are taken to a room where a welcome awaits you, and I presume, you catch the "password;" then you are marched to the "receiving party," and follow down the line. Now you have reached the hostess and the "inner gate," and are handed over in charge of other conductors who take you to the "punch room," and from here other conductors lead the way to the punch bowl, when you are expected to take a sip of punch and a wafer. After partaking of this diet, other conductors show you the way to the dining room where an "elegant, beautiful and delicious" salad course is served by beautiful and accomplished young ladies. Here you get the "traveling password" and pass out.

If you see any "red tape" about this, it is because you are an old fogey. You are not expected to enter into social converse—just march, march, march—only this and nothing more.

You may be thankful your little town hasn't taken up these "social events" for you would come home with "that tired feeling," and so hungry after your march that you'd fly to the kitchen and gather in the fragments.

Laddonia Herald: Miss Edith Torreyson of this place and Miss Beulah Seabee of Mexico, are visiting in Kansas City.

AFTER 26 YEARS.

Engaged to be Married Over Quarter of a Century.

The Vandalia Mail last week contained the following article:

Lovers of the romantic will be interested in the announcement of the marriage Saturday, August 17, of John W. Champion, of Perry to Mrs. Rosalie DeTienne, of near Mt. Carmel, south of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. G. House, of Wells-ville, at the home of the bride, and was a very quiet, but impressive affair. Only a few relatives and intimate friends were present.

The bride is the only daughter of the late John Douchant. When quite young she was married to Mr. DeTienne, who died 33 years ago. After his death Mrs. DeTienne, whose mother was also dead, went to live with her father. Mr. Douchant was then in poor health, and his loving and dutiful daughter set about making him comfortable, and dedicated her life and service to him so long as he should require them.

After a time the heart aches occasioned by the death of her first husband ceased, and the God of Love again battered down the barriers of her heart, and entering, began the long battle with the God of Duty.

After an ardent courtship, Mr. Champion, a young man of great determination and stick-to-it-iveness of character, won from her her consent to their marriage—but with a proviso attached. So long as her father lived and required her services, all others must wait. This was twenty-six years ago, and since that time Mrs. DeTienne has remained firm in her resolve. Years came and departed, seasons followed season, some quickly and some slowly, and still she remained steadfastly at her father's side, caring for him in his sickness and rejoicing with him when his strength would temporarily return to him. Finally death came to his release, and last spring he passed peacefully away; and none mourned him more sincerely than Mrs. DeTienne and her fiancé.

After the first shock of his death had passed off plans were made for the wedding, and so, after long years of waiting, sometimes seeing each other often and sometimes but rarely, but always steadfast in their devotion, the many plans, as stated above, were consummated in their wedding.

Mrs. DeTienne is spoken of by all who know her as a Christian lady of the highest character, and her great devotion to her father in a great measure bears out these statements. Mr. Champion is also spoken of very highly, and they have the best wishes of many friends.

They will go to housekeeping at once on the bride's old home place near Mt. Carmel.

A Lawless County.

The Clayton Argus says:

The "Banner Republican county of Missouri" continues to hold the record as the rottenest and most ungodly spot this side of the colony of dog-eating Philippines on the other side of the Pacific ocean. It is a record of which every decent man in the county, whether a Democrat or Republican, is heartily and thoroly ashamed. We are under the rule and domination of outlaw men who do as they please and who are the real "boss" behind the throne in St. Louis county. Sunday law violations are more numerous than ever, and there are fewer arrests and prosecutions. It is indeed time that counter proceedings were instituted to punish public officials who are responsible for present conditions in the county.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

Jas. W. Warden, south of Paris, has bought 26 mule colts at a little less than \$100 each.

Charley Painter, northeast of Paris, refused \$15 an acre for 40 acres of his corn last week, the corn to be penbed.

Pike county takes the lead in the shipment of nursery stock, the total from that county last year amounting to \$811,156.

Hollis Crews, of Callaway, received first money on the best mare mule of any age at the Centralia fair, and sold his pair of three year olds to Judge J. A. Stewart, of Columbia, for \$600.

The Laddonia Herald says: "Frank Fried" received ten cases of beer at this place Saturday. We don't know Frank, but his whole family must be sick or else he is hunting trouble.

The Business Men's Association of Louisiana is protesting against the Chicago & Alton building a frame depot in that city. Used to the "eternal hills" Louisiana wants something lasting.

The Chautauqua at Hannibal is reported to have been a splendid success this year, both as a wholesome entertainment for the people and also financially, the receipts being \$700 above expenses. Subscription list for next years chautauqua has already been started and it is expected that 2,000 season tickets will be sold.

Middletown Chips: Lewellen & Smith, of Vandalia prairie, passed through Middletown Saturday with 140 head of cattle they had bought near Bellflower. They stopped at Joe Farmer's where they bought 21 head from him, and also 29 head of yearlings from Charley Rigg, besides a few more from other farmers here, making about 240 head, all told. These cattle will be sold again at their big two-days' sale in September.

Bishop B. N. Leonard, a farmer, is a prisoner in the Fulton jail under a charge of rape. The victim of the alleged crime is "Lockie Kelling, a twelve-year-old orphan girl who has lived with Leonard and his wife since she was two years old. Leonard was arrested in Fulton. After his arrest he requested the officers to remove him to the Mexico jail in case any feeling should be aroused.

The Sturgeon Leader says that about six weeks ago Miss Eva Virian Jones, daughter of Mrs. Jasper H. Jones of St. Louis, eloped with Charles Branham, formerly of Sturgeon, and after they were married came to Sturgeon and spent a few days with the groom's mother. Miss Jones had been attending the Yeatman high school and became acquainted with Mr. Branham on April 20. She told her mother she was going on a river excursion early in July, but instead of doing so the young couple were married and came to Sturgeon. Mrs. Jones was very indignant when she heard of her daughter's marriage, and tried to get her to come back home. After six weeks of married life Mrs. Branham has returned to her mother. She is little more than a child.

An interesting Holiness meeting is in progress over at Paris. Rev. Ferguson, who was a railroad conductor when he was converted, is doing the preaching. With his change of heart came that old-time religion which fills the soul and loosens the tongue. Passengers thought him crazy as he sang and prayed and exhorted in his caboose, and all up and down the railroad he disturbed tracts and called men to repentance. He believes in exactly the sort of hell the Scriptures described, with genuine fire, genuine brimstones and devils that torment thru all cycling ages of eternity. If hell is but a figurative place of suffering then heaven is but a figurative place of bliss, he declares.

MR. BYRNS DEAD.

Old Pioneer Gone—Raised in Audrain Co.

James T. Byrns, aged 66, died at a sanitarium, at Medical Lake, of which he had been an inmate for several weeks, suffering from a complication of diseases. He was one of the pioneers of this city, having resided in Spokane the last 16 or 17 years. About three years ago he retired from business on account of ill health. He was in the nursery business previous to his retirement. For the past year he made his home with a nephew, Jas. H. Green, of 519 Glass Ave., this city. A few weeks ago he was taken to medical Lake Sanitarium for treatment where he gradually grew worse until the end came. His wife died in this city a few years ago. He is survived by six children, all adults, Mrs. Geo. W. Boyd of this city, Wm. T. and Miss Mary E. Byrns of Los Angeles, Cal., John H., Danville, Wash., Jesse C., Twisp, Wash., and Julia Byrns, Montana.

Funeral at Gilman's undertaking parlors, this city, 10 a. m. Saturday morning, August 10th, interment at Fairmount cemetery.

The above item is taken from a Spokane, Wash., paper of date August 10th. Mr. Byrns was an old settler, born and raised in this county on the farm south of Mexico now owned by W. W. Fry. A few years ago he left this county, going direct to Spokane, Wash., where he lived until his death. He was a brother of Mrs. J. E. Green, south of town, and has other relatives in this county who will be pained to hear of his death.

Stock Killed by Cars.

Joe Considine of Thompson lost two horses and four mules last Thursday morning, killed by the cars. The stock got out of pasture and strayed onto the railroad track. One of the horses killed was a fine saddle and was valued at \$225. The total loss of the animals is near \$1,000.

Jamestown Exposition.

Remember the show is "passing." We are already within sight of the end—November 30th, and in the meantime should consider our plans to attend. The Jamestown Exposition is about the first big show of its kind located at a summer resort. "Seeing" an exposition is necessarily somewhat of a business, but the Jamestown show is at tide water on famous Hampton Roads in the heart of one of the most popular resort localities in the United States. At Jamestown one can pleasantly combine business with pleasure. The rates by the Chicago & Alton are very low and will be quoted upon application.

Married Last Week.

Miss Alice C. Brooks of this city and Mr. Charles H. Glascock, of New London were married at the bride's home here last Wednesday eve, Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer officiating.

Miss Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brooks and was one of Mexico's most estimable young ladies—Mr. Glascock wins a star in getting her for a bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. They will make their home in New London. May happiness and prosperity over attend them.

Mr. Edward Rouse and wife and children, Freddie and Wallace Bryan, of Omaha, Neb., visited Mr. Rouse's father here last week. Mr. J. W. Rouse, Mr. Edward Rouse and family left Saturday for Haron S. D., where they will locate. The MESSAGE will make them weekly visits.